

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: METHODS FOR MAKING A COMPOSITION  
TO TREAT A WOOD, A PULP OR A PAPER  
(AS AMENDED)

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Examiner: Rebecca E. Prouty

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the non-final Office Action dated March 28, 2008 ("the OA"), Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. A response to the Office Action was initially due June 28, 2008. Applicants herein submit a petition for a three (3) month extension of time to September 28, 2008, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, with the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 21 of this paper.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- Petition for a three (3) month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136.